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Descriptive Catalogue

OF

Choice Gladioli



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NEW BEDFORD, MASS.

Gardens corner of Washington and Spring
Streets, Fairhaven, Mass.

TO MY FRIENDS

...AND...

PATRONS

THE MODERN GLADIOLUS

On account of its good keeping qualities the Gladiolus surpasses all other flowers for cutting purposes, and in order to obtain the utmost pleasure from the blooms you should cut the spikes as soon as the first flower opens on the stalk and place them in vases in the house. A vase of blooms may be kept fresh for a week or more. Not only that but the colors will be brighter and more beautiful when cut than when out in the sunny garden. The Gladiolus is particularly adapted to table decoration. Cut the spike in the morning or evening when the first bloom opens. Change the water daily, remove the withered portions and cut (on a slant) an inch or so from the end of each stem. Every bud will open one by one to the very top.

CULTURE

The culture of the Gladiolus is so simple as to render it the most satisfactory of garden flowers, thriving and blooming freely with the least care and attention and making a display which for beauty of bloom and brilliancy of coloring is unequalled by any other flower. If you can grow potatoes you can grow Gladioli. Plant in any good garden soil as soon as

ground is workable up to the middle of June. If several plantings are made at different times the season of bloom will be lengthened. Do NOT plant in shade of trees or buildings, and do not allow FRESH manure to come in direct contact with bulbs. Use well-rotted manure, commercial fertilizer, wood ashes, or bone meal, well mixed with the soil.

Plant the bulbs about 5 or 6 inches deep and from 3 to 4 inches apart.

To obtain a continuation of blooms during the greatest part of the season, it is advisable to plant at intervals of ten days, from the last week in April until the middle of June.

Some varieties will bloom in seventy-five to eight days from the date of planting, but most sorts require eighty-five to ninety days.

In October, when the foliage has turned yellow, dig the bulbs, cut the stems off within an inch of the bulbs and dry them thoroughly. Then remove the old roots and store the bulbs in a cool, dry place where frost cannot reach them.

If these instructions are followed, the bulbs will give you the best results for several years.

If you do not find the variety you want in this list let me quote you.

New varieties are being tested annually and only the very best are added to the list.

While every care is exercised at digging, planting and packing that none should be mixed, no guarantee is given, other than to replace any stock that may prove not true to name. All prices and quotations are subject to stock being unsold.

All prices in this list are for bulbs prepaid to your address.

NAMED VARIETIES

During the past few years I have tested hundreds of named Gladioli, and have selected the following list as the very choicest and most beautiful.

ALICE TIPLADY—A variety obtained by crossing the Primulinus with Kunderdi Yellow. Color a beautiful orange-saffron-yellow; blooms quite large. 15 cents each, \$1.50 per dozen.

ALBANIA—This is the most pleasing white variety we have yet seen, a fine spike and a healthy, vigorous grower. 30 cents each, \$3.00 per dozen.

ANTHONY B. KUNDRED—Well ruffled, deep cream overlaid blush-pink, lower petals primrose, edged pink; one of the best. 50 cents each, \$5.00 per dozen.

AMERICA—Lavender-pink; an extra large flower and one of the most desirable varieties for cutting. 5 cents each, 50 cents per dozen, \$3.00 per 100.

ANNA EBERUIS—Dark velvety purple, throat deeper shade. Flowers 6 inches in diameter; spikes, 3 to 4 feet high, fine, long and well set. 15 cents each, \$1.50 per dozen.

ARIZONA ROSE—Almost solid rose-pink in color; an extra large and choice variety. 15 cents each, \$1.50 per dozen, \$11.25 per 100.

BARON HULOT—Dark violet, bordering blue; best of all the violet shaded varieties. 10 cents each, \$1.00 per dozen.

BLUE JAY—A light grayish blue with darker blue markings and having a red stripe on tongue of the lower petals. A choice variety. 15 cents each, \$1.50 per dozen.

BYRON L. SMITH—A delicate shade of lavender-pink on a white ground—a combination which equals in beauty many of the choice orchids. Spikes are long, giving the variety added value as a cut flower. 25 cents each, \$2.50 per dozen.

BUMBLE BEE—Large flower of purest salmon rose pink. Ground penciled blue. 50 cents each.

CHARM—Pure deep rose pink. A perfect blotch of deep red on lower petals, very fine. 50 cents each.

CATHERINA—An unusually attractive variety with long spikes of blue-grey flowers distinctly marked with brownish red spots. Very fine. 15 cents each, \$1.50 per dozen.

CONSPICUOUS—Beautiful grey blue, with darker throat markings and a fine penciling of yellow. Very attractive. 15 cents each, \$1.50 per dozen.

CRIMSON GLOW (Betscher)—By far the most beautiful red Gladiolus yet on the market. A perfect scarlet of a deep tone. Very large, open flowers of the finest form and exceedingly well placed on the spike. 15 cents each, \$1.50 per dozen.

DAWN (Groff)—Strong, vigorous grower. Flowers salmon shading to very light; claret stain in throat. Extra fine. 25 cents each, \$2.50 per dozen.

DAYBREAK—A charming light pink, with blazed white throat. Magnificent orchid-like variety; dwarf habit. 20 cents each, \$2.00 per dozen.

DEW DROP—Beautiful white delicately blushed. Lower petals are pastel cream, medium blotch. 50 cents each.

DR. W. VAN FLEET—Extra tall plant, very large flowers of a delicate rose pink, deeper at edges of petals. Throat canary yellow or cream tint, a very fine variety. 50 cents each.

E. J. SHAYLOR—Tall, very strong plant and large blooms. A beautiful, pure, deep rose-pink. Extra choice. 30 cents each, \$3.00 per dozen.

EUROPA—Snowy white, without any color mark whatever. Large flowers, compactly placed, and many open. One of the finest whites in existence. Especially valuable for florists' work. Stock too scarce to become common very soon. 20 cents each, \$2.00 per dozen.

EVELYN KIRTLAND—Very tall, slender spike. Blossoms an exquisite shade of melting pink, deepening toward the edge; brilliant scarlet blotches on lower petals. A marvelously beautiful flower and a great prize-winner. 15 cents each, \$1.50 per dozen.

FLORA—Beautiful golden yellow. One of the new introductions which I consider one of the best yellows in existence. The flowers are well placed and very showy. 15 cents each, \$1.50 per dozen.

"FRANK J. SYMMES"—Salmon-rose pink with red center, ruffled edges; flowers 4 inches in diameter, spikes 5 to 6 feet high. Should be in every collection. 20 cents each, \$2.00 dozen.

GEN. PERSHING—New. Very large. Upper petals pale pink. Lower petals yellow, striped rich carmine. 30 cents each, \$3.00 per dozen.

"GLADIS PLATH"—Orchid flowering; lilac and red velvet blotches; flowers 6 inches in diameter, spikes 5 feet high. Beautiful variety. 35 cents each. \$3.50 per dozen.

GLADNESS—Lavender-rose with deeper shade on the outside and throat penciled with yellow. 10 cents each, 75 cents per dozen.

GLORIOUS—Soft cream color, with a deep cream-apricot throat; extra fine blooms on long spikes. 50 cents each, \$5.00 per dozen.

GOLDEN MEASURE—New. A magnificent yellow Gladiolus. Very large, open flowers, rich corn yellow; immense spike. 50 cents each, \$5.00 dozen.

GOLD DROP—Pure deep yellow, with red line on petals; an extra large ruffled variety. 50 cents each.

GOLDEN GATE—A finely ruffled variety, tall and vigorous. 15 cents each, \$1.50 per dozen.

GRETCHEN ZANG—Tall, graceful spike of soft, pleasing shade of geranium pink, with carmine throat markings. 10 cents each, \$1.00 per dozen.

GLORY OF NOORDWIJK—Clear canary yellow, large blooms, excellent habit; one of the best best. 35 cents each, \$3.50 per dozen.

GOLD—Pure golden yellow, large flowers, many open at one time; a grand variety. \$1.00 each.

HERADA—Destined to be one of the most popular varieties. No collection complete without it. Flowers of immense size on tall, straight spikes. Massive in every way. The great blooms are pure mauve, glistening and clear, with markings deep in the throat. Un-

usual and attractive, stands without a peer in its color. 10 cents each, \$1.00 per dozen.

JACINTHE—One of the most valuable of the orchid-shaded Gladioli. A clear iris lavender with a carmine purple throat, beautiful in combination with Primulinus Hybrids. 50 cents each, \$5.00 per dozen.

JACK LONDON—Light salmon with brilliant orange flame strips; golden yellow throat with ruby centre; a very choice variety. 15 cents each, \$1.50 per dozen.

LE MARECHAL FOCH—This is one of the finest varieties that ever came out of Holland. A charming light rose color, very large and many open at a time. 10 cents each, \$1.00 per dozen.

LINTON—Showy orange-red, with lower petals a lighter shade; orange-red throat. A desirable Primulinus hybrid for cutting. 6 cents each, 50 cents per dozen, \$5.00 per 100.

LE'IMMACULEE—A wonderful spike of pure white flowers, with wax-like texture. 10 cents each, \$1.00 per dozen.

LILLIAN—Tall, fine plant with many wide open flowers; color white with light pink pencilings over all petals, deep rose pink blotches; extra fine. \$1.00 each.

LILYWHITE—The fine new pure, snow-white. Blossoms of good size, and 6 or 7 open at once. Will be in great demand, particularly with florists. Early and prolific. Valuable. 20 cents each, \$2.00 per dozen.

LOUISE—Beautiful lavender. 25 cents each, \$2.50 per dozen.

LOVELINESS—This variety produces flowers of distinction in daintiness and beauty, as the name implies. Color a clear, cream-tinted sulfrano pink; very soft and delicate. The flowers are large and well placed on the spike, nearly all being open at one time. 15 cents each, \$1.50 per dozen.

MARY PICKFORD—Delicate creamy white throat; stem and calyx white. An extraordinary flower, borne on long stems. 15 cents each. \$1.50 per dozen.

MARY FENNELL—Beautiful light lavender, tinged soft pink, lower petals penciled with primrose yellow. Large wide open flowers of exquisite loveliness. Distinct, and especially recommended to lovers of delicate shades. 15 cents each, \$1.50 dozen.

"MRS. H. E. BOTHIN"—Flesh-salmon pink flame scarlet center, strong 4 to 5 foot spikes; a first-class show variety. One of the loveliest color combinations in Gladioli. A great improvement on Pendleton, Jr. We recommend everyone to procure as many bulbs as possible of this variety. 35 cents each, \$3.50 per dozen.

MRS. FRANCIS KING—Salmon-pink, mottled with darker shades of the same color. Flowers are exceptionally large and heavy, and it will be of distinct advantage to provide stakes for the long spikes. 8 cents each, 60 cents per dozen, \$4.00 per 100.

MIDSUMMER DREAM—Geranium - red, extra large, showy blooms. 25 cents each, \$2.50 per dozen.

MYRA—Deep salmon over yellow ground; yellow throat with pink lines. A new and giant-flowered variety. 15 cents each, \$1.50 per dozen.

"MRS. JOHN R. WALSH"—Flesh pink, flamed colored centers; flowers 5 inches in diameter; stems 5 to 6 feet high; this is a seedling of Mrs. Pendleton, Jr. It is a magnificent variety that should be in every collection. 50 cents each, \$5.00 per dozen.

MONA LISA—The blooms are almost self-colored, but are inclined to tints of the softest pale rose, pink or blush-white. A most dainty variety. 50 cents each, \$5.00 per dozen.

MONON—Dark rose-pink, flaked with darker pink and growing still darker in the throat; the upper portion of the throat has white markings. 20 cents each, \$2.00 per dozen.

"MRS. MARY STEARNS BURK"—Canary yellow overlaid with apricot; deep canary center; long spike with flowers symmetrically placed; stem wiry and upright; flowers 4 to 5 inches in diameter, spikes 4 to 5 feet high. It is one of the finest yellows known so far. When known it will be one of the most grown varieties for cut flowers. 25 cents each, \$2.50 per dozen.

"MRS. RUDOLPH SPRECKELS"—Cream pink with old rose stripes; fine long full spikes; flowers 6 to 7 inches in diameter, spikes 4 to 5 feet high. A-1 show and cut variety. 30 cents each, \$3.00 per dozen.

"MISS MAUD FAY"—Clean cattleya pink a light stripe running through the middle of each petal; flowers very open, averaging 6 inches in diameter; spikes never straight, but curved in various directions, are 3 to 4 feet long; exceptionally suitable for cut flowers; it is a heavy propagator; the smallest bulblet will in five months produce a fine spike. 30 cents each, \$3.00 per dozen.

MISS EDITH CAVELL—New imported variety. Pure white with small violet stripe through each petal. 25 cents each, \$2.50 per dozen.

MAJESTIC—Brilliant orange-pink, large flowers with a white throat. 25 cents each, \$2.50 per dozen.

MRS. FRANK PENDLETON—A spectacular variety, producing large, well-expanded flowers, light pink, heavily blotched with blood red in throat. \$1.00 per dozen, \$7.50 per 100.

MYRTLE—Clear, delicate rose pink with throat tinted primrose and white, giving a peculiar cool color effect. Extremely lovely. Good form, well placed on spike. 15 cents each, \$1.50 per dozen.

MRS. DR. NORTON—A pure soft white, with tips of petals suffused La France pink. Quite the most beautiful variety of this type on the market. Highest awards in its class wherever shown. 15 cents each, \$1.50 per dozen.

"MRS. WILLIAM KENT"—Light fawn to light ashes of roses; old rose in throat; sometimes lightly striped with rose-pink. The color of this variety is so exquisite and so suitable for cut flowers that we predict that it will soon be grown in large quantity. It is a very rapid propagator. Flowers are 6 inches in diameter and spikes 4 to 5 feet high. 25 cents each, \$2.50 per dozen.

MRS. WATT—Rich red, almost exactly the same shade as the American Beauty rose, making a beautiful combination when used with yellow varieties. Blooms are exceptionally large, on long spikes. 10 cents each, \$1.00 per dozen.

MURIEL—A distinct color which may be termed "orchid blue," with each petal marked with purple spots. 30 cents each, \$3.00 per dozen.

MARSHALL FÖCH—Many giant flowers open at a time on very strong stem and plant, color of finest salmon-pink, extra fine variety. 50 cents each, \$5.00 per dozen.

MEMORIES—Softest creamy white upper petals, lower petals light canary yellow, nicely traced pink. Extra choice variety. \$1.00 each.

NIAGARA—A light crocus yellow, throat shaded deeper. Large open flowers on a strong spike. For color, texture and keeping qualities this Gladiolus is one of the very best. \$1.00 per dozen, \$7.50 per 100.

NORA—A beautiful light blue. Extra good. 10 cents each, 75 cents dozen.

ORANGE GLORY—Large, ruffled flowers. Orange with lighter throat. Rank, healthy grower. Quite rare as yet. 30 cents each, \$3.00 per dozen.

PEACH ROSE—A remarkable shade of deep rose-pink, distinct and very beautiful. 50 cents each, \$5.00 per dozen.

PEACE—A very fine white Gladioli. The blooms are almost pure snowy white, with faint lilac markings on the lower petals; a late bloomer, extra fine cut flower. 10 cents each, \$1.00 per dozen.

PINK PERFECTION—Delicate shade of apple-blossom pink; extra-fine, large flowers arranged closely on a long spike. 10 cents each, \$1.00 per dozen.

PRIDE OF HILLEGOM—Brilliant crimson; a distinct variety in color and habit of growth. 25 cents each, \$2.50 per dozen.

PINK LILY—One of the most delicately shaded of the ruffled rose-pink sorts. 35 cents each, \$3.50 per dozen.

PINK WONDER—This is the largest and finest pink Glad ever introduced. The color is a shade lighter than Panama, yellow shading at base of lower petals, overlaid with rose feathering, very much admired. 50 cents each, \$5.00 per dozen.

PEARL OF DAWN—Rose-pink, deeper bordered petals, lighter toward center, large throat marks with deep red center lines. 75 cents each, \$7.50 per dozen.

PEEP O'DAY—Tall, beautiful, blushed pink on white ground, long feather barred throat. \$1.00 each.

PAREXCEL—Deep salmon pink, with finest large Pelargonium like throat blotches. 20 cents each, \$2.00 per dozen.

PRIMULINUS (Hybrids)—Originated by Mr. A. E. Kundred; all choice named varieties in mixture. 10 cents each, \$1.00 per dozen, \$5.00 per 100.

PRIMUNELLA—A shade of yellow as delicate as that found in an orchid; ruffled. 10 cents each, \$1.00 per dozen.

PURPLE GLORY—The giant of the Kunderdi Glory race and of remarkable color. Deepest velvety maroon red, with almost black blotches, as if burned into the petals. Beautifully ruffled, and a most extraordinary variety. 75 cents each, \$7.50 per dozen.

RARITY—Brilliant lavender, tinted with old rose. 35 cents each, \$3.50 per dozen.

REV. EUBANK—Delicate shade of porcelain-blue, with pronounced red markings in the throat. 25 cents each, \$2.50 per dozen.

ROSE GLORY—Color a wonderfully beautiful shade of rose-pink which changes to deeper tints in the throat. 50 cents each, \$5.00 per dozen.

ROANOKE—A vigorous and large rich yellow; prim, extra good cut flowers. 10 cents each, \$1.00 per dozen.

RAMONA—Yellow, blushed orange, lower petals golden yellow. This is one of the very best Primis to date. 35 cents each, \$3.50 per dozen.

SALMON BEAUTY—Very large flowered Primulinus, deep salmon, rich salmon yellow throat, very fine. 20 cents each, \$2.00 per dozen.

SCHWABEN—Delicate primrose with yellow and crimson center, large flower and spike. 10 cents each, \$1.00 per dozen.

THOMAS T. KENT—Rose-pink with ruby running through center of each petal; very vigorous in growth. This is one of our largest varieties and one of the heaviest propagators. Flowers 6 to 8 inches in diameter; spikes 6 feet high. 25 cents each, \$2.50 per dozen.

WHITE GIANT—A very large pure white, petals long and narrow, and flower when fully open resembles a six pointed star. 20 cents each, \$2.00 per dozen.

WILBRINK (New)—This variety has everything to recommend it. Immense blooms of a delightful flesh pink, on a graceful spike. An early and profuse bloomer. A few spikes make a splendid decoration. 8 cents each, 75 cents per dozen. \$5.00 per 100.

WHITE GLORY—A gorgeous pure white, with beautiful iris blue throat, a grand variety. 30 cents each, \$3.00 per dozen.

WHITE WONDER—This is a very large pure white, without any markings in the throat; this will become a leader in the white class. 50 cents each, \$5.00 per dozen.

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